

## Acrostic Poem:

**Step 1:** Write out "Alexander the" on a sheet of paper.

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**Step 2:** Choose a word you feel best describes the type of leader, person or military commander he was. Write that word vertically underneath "Alexander the".

For example:

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**Step 3:**

Option A: Write an acrostic poem to fill in the word you wrote vertically.

**or**

Option B: Come up with a word for each letter of the word you came up with in step 2. Each word should be followed by an explanation of how the word fits Alexander's life.

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Samples from class:

**Alexander the**

Option A:

All-encompassing conqueror,  
Gave to the ones he vanquished,  
Greed sometimes overtook his  
Righteousness.

Excelling in battle, he  
Strayed farther than any general before,  
Stood taller than the king of kings.  
Indecisive only when it came to his heir.  
Vicious yet compassionate, he remains an  
Enduring symbol of profit and liberation.

Option B:

Arrogant: he felt fit to rule the whole world  
Greedy: he kept pursuing wealth and riches  
Generous: he gave much of his wealth to his men  
Rowdy: he liked to have a good time with his troops  
Energetic: he kept going when many had to stop  
Smart: he adjusted his battle plan on the spot to defeat opponents  
Stupid: he wanted to cross over all of Asia  
Invincible: he felt that no one could defeat his army  
Vicious: he killed thousands of men he didn't even know  
Ever-ready: he was always prepared for a challenge